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(57) Abstract: An electrophysiology catheter including control, localization, and/or fluid delivery features, and methods of using the same. One embodiment of the invention is directed to an electrophysiology catheter including a superelastic wire and a cable, and a method of controlling the catheter using the cable. Another embodiment is directed to an electrophysiology catheter including an adhesive to bias the orientation of the catheter. A further embodiment is directed to an electrophysiology catheter including adhesive and one or more cables, and a method of controlling the catheter using the one or more cables. Another embodiment is directed to a method including acts of injecting a fluid into the heart of a patient and adjusting the diameter of an arcuate curve of the catheter. Further embodiments are directed to a catheter having multiple position sensors on an arcuate curve of the catheter, or a position sensor associated with a movable electrode of the catheter.

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1. Claims: 1-15

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a superelastic wire to bias the tip assembly in a first orientation

2. Claims: 16-43

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes an adhesive cured in a configuration to bias the tip assembly in a first orientation

3. Claims: 49-57

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, and means for conducting a fluid

4. Claims: 58-62

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a plurality of position sensors

5. Claims: 71-73

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a movable electrode assembly

6. Claims: 74-101

Shaft /electrophysiology catheter comprising a channel formed of a superelastic material and shaped to bias a portion of the catheter in a first orientation

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